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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/637,504
<i>Confirmation Number</i>	7600
<i>Filing Date</i>	August 11, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	HOUSE, ALLEN
<i>Art Unit</i>	1743
<i>Examiner Name</i>	ALEXANDER, LYLE
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	LIFE-010

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 8, 2002 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment filed November 8, 2002

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other Request for Refund and Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.

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iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

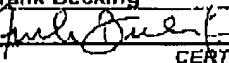
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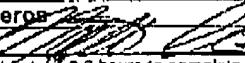
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